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Motto: Today we follow; Tomorrow we lead.

Class Flower: White Rose

Class Colors: Blue and White

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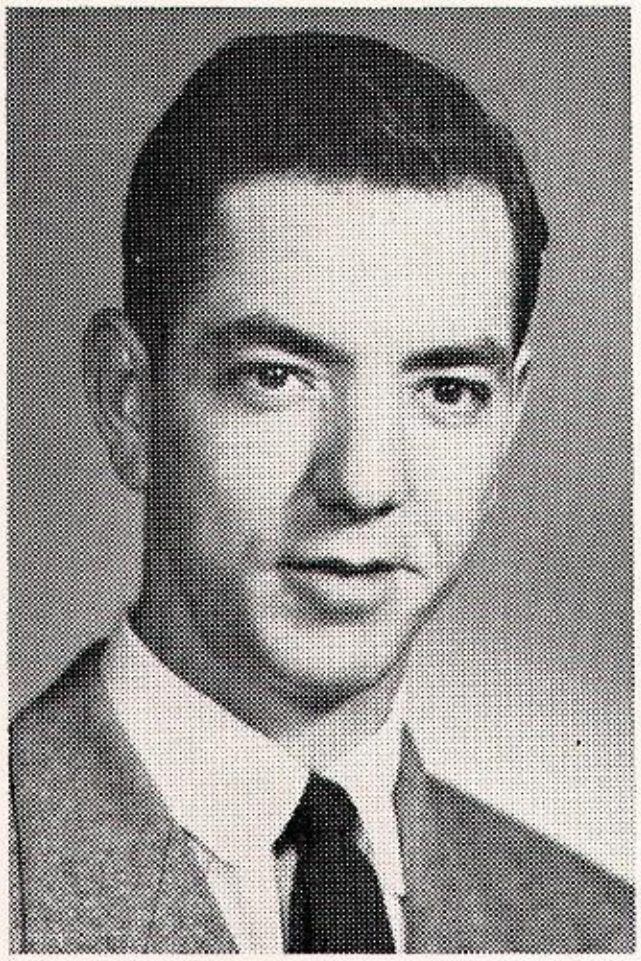


John Thiede

Principal & Coach

JANICE PRANGE

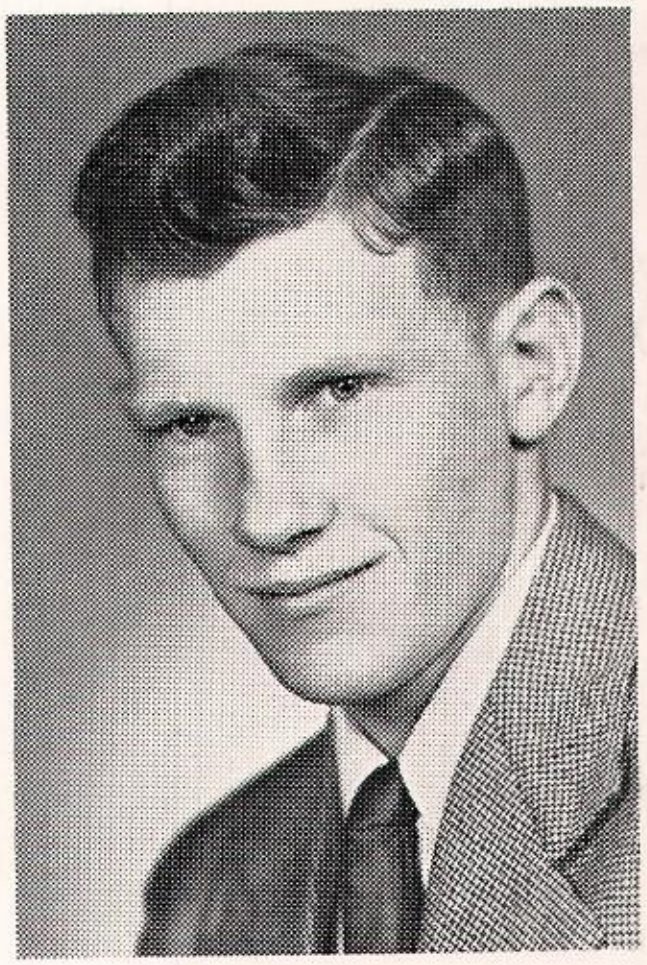
Class Officer	4
Glee Club	1-2-3-4
Mixed Chorus	1-2-3-4
Band	1-2-3-4
Sextette	2-4
Octette	3-4
Cheerleading	2-3-4
Student Council	2-3
Newstaff	4
Dramatics	3-4

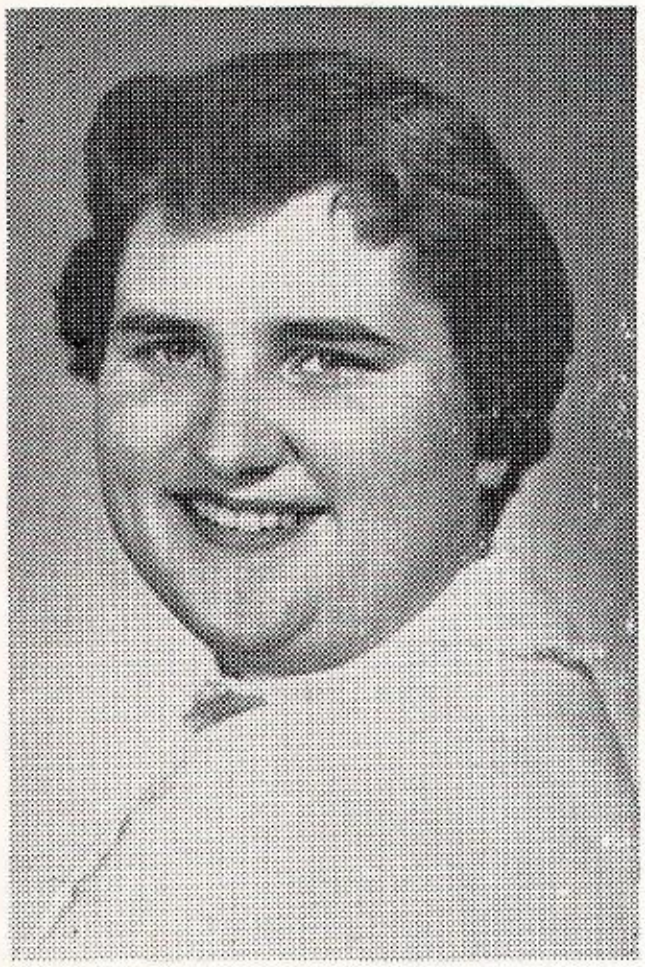
CAROL ANN DEWITZ

Glee Club	1-2-3-4
Chorus	1-2-3-4
Band	1-2-3-4
Class Officer	1-2-3-4
Dramatics	3-4
Sextette	1-2
Declam	4

JOHN VAUGHAN

Basketball	1-2-3-4
Baseball	1-2-3-4
Track	3-4
Student Council Pres.,	3-4
Dramatics	3-4



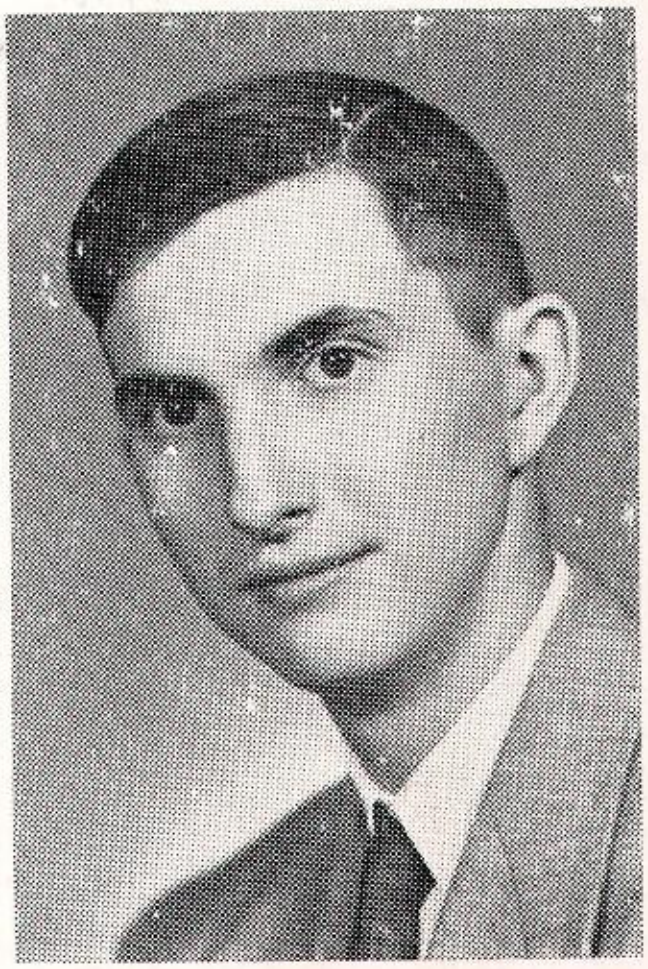


HELEN CARLSON

Band	1-2-3-4
Mixed Chorus	1-2-3-4
Glee Club	1-2-3-4
Sextette	1
Cheerleader	1
Dramatics	3-4
Class Officer	4

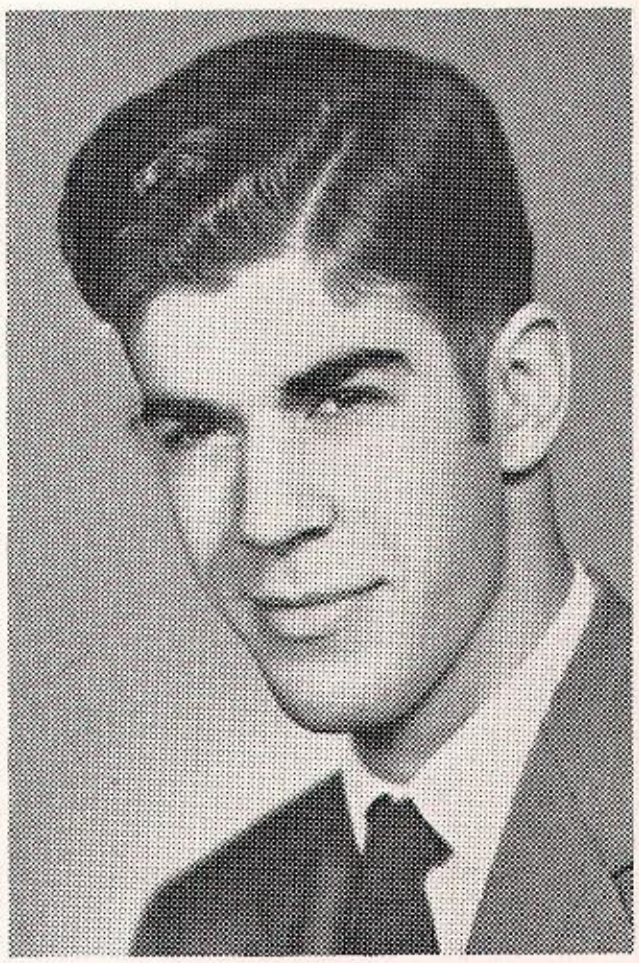
DONALD MEGAW

Basketball	1-2-3-4
Dramatics	3-4



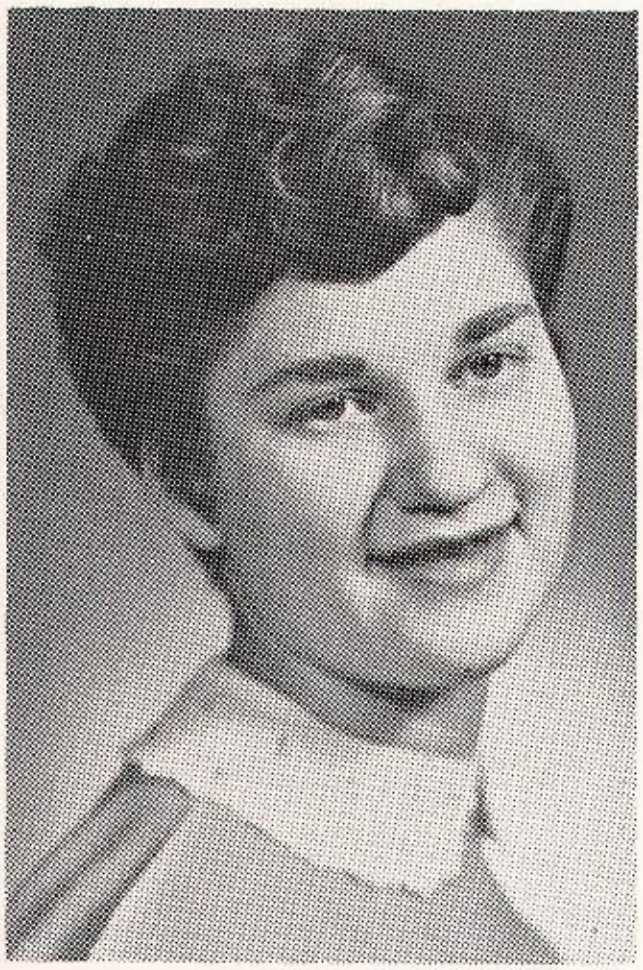
RITA HAWKER

Band	2-3-4
Mixed Chorus	1-2-3-4
Glee Club	1-2-3-4
Class Officer	1-2-4
Student Council	1
Newstaff	3-4
Dramatics	3-4
Sextette	1-2



JACK KIENITZ

Declam	3-4
Mixed Chorus	2-3-4
Octette	3-4
Dramatics	3-4
Class Officer	1
Newstaff	4
Boys Chorus	2-3

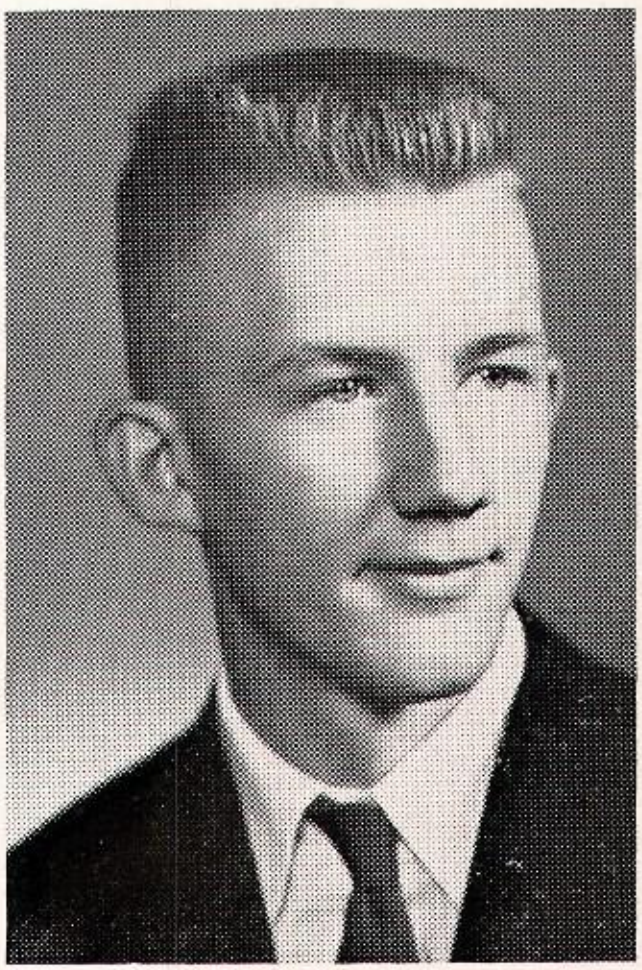


CAROL ANN BESCHNETT

Class Officer	3
Newstaff	1-2-3-4
Band	2-3-4
Mixed Chorus	1-2-3-4
Glee Club	1-2-3-4
Sextette	4
Octette	4
Dramatics	3-4

WAYNE GOUTERMONT

Band	1-2-3-4
Mixed Chorus	1-3-4
Boys Chorus	1-2-3
Dramatics	3-4
Class Officer	3
Saxophone Trio	1-2-3
Saxophone Duet	4

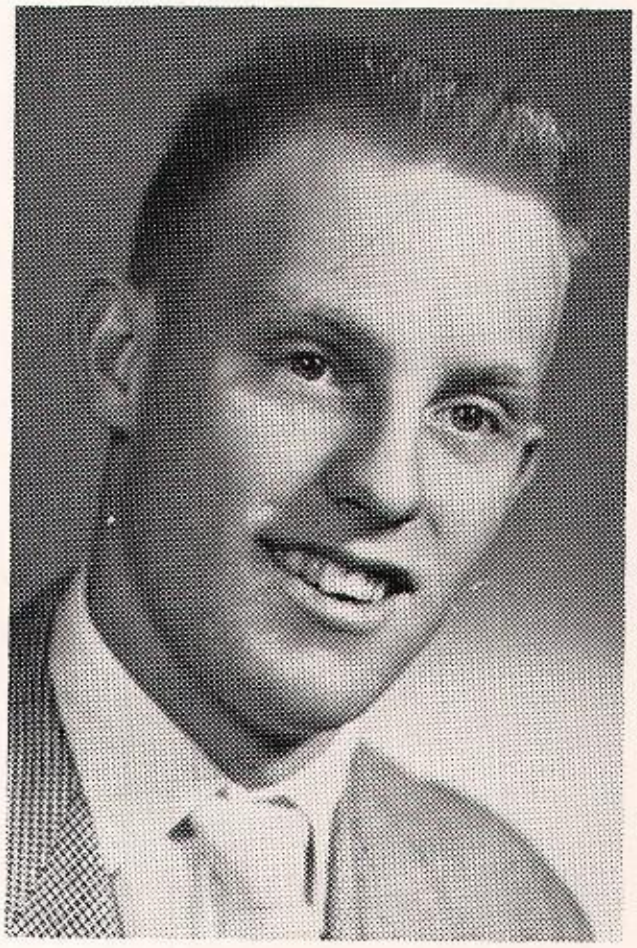


NORITA HILLER

Band	1-2-3-4
Mixed Chorus	1-2-3-4
Glee Club	1-2-3-4
Sextette	1-2
Cheerleader	1-2
Class Officer	1-2-3
Dramatics	3-4

LARRY BARTSCH

Chorus	1-2-3-4
Band	1-2-3-4
Basketball	1-2-3-4
Declam	3-4
Dramatics	3-4
Octette	3-4
Boys Chorus	1-2-3
Student Council	4
Class Officer	1
Newstaff	1
Instrumental Group	2-3-4

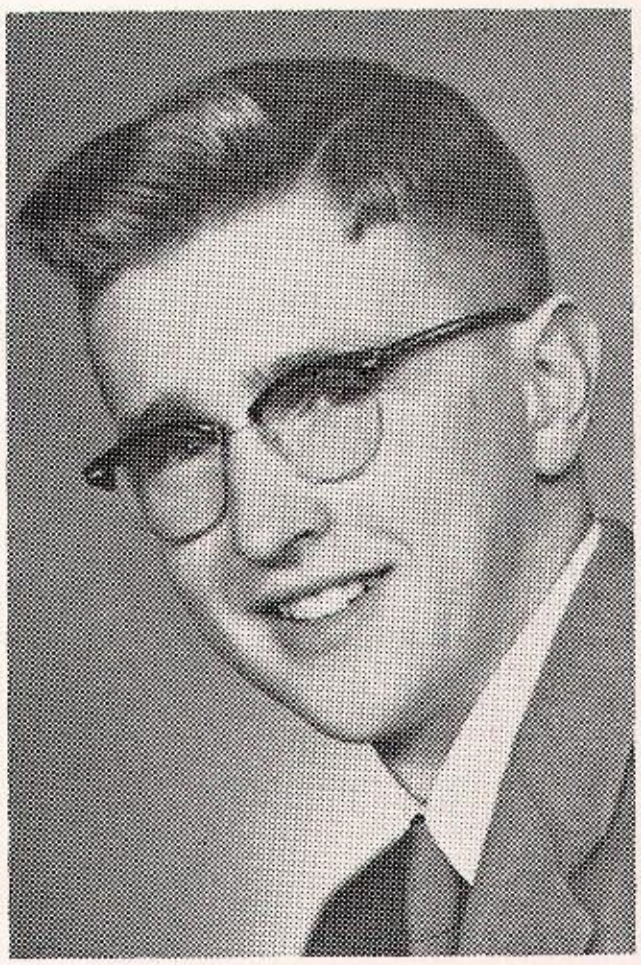


ANNE GNADKE

Band	1-2-3-4
Mixed Chorus	1-2-3-4
Glee Club	1-2-3-4
Declam	3
Dramatics	3-4
Newstaff	4
Octette	3-4
Sextette	2-4

LAUREL SONNABEND

Band	1-2-3-4
Mixed Chorus	1-2-3-4
Boys Chorus	1-2-3
Basketball	1-2-3-4
Baseball	1-2-3
Track	3-4
Dramatics	3-4

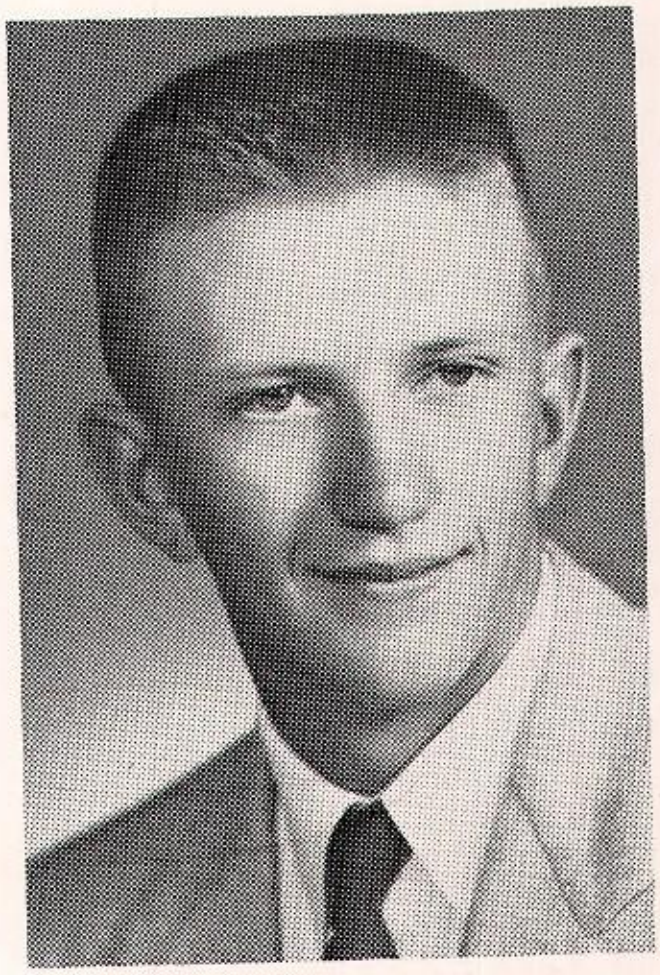


MARY KAY MORELL

Mixed Chorus	1-2-3-4
Glee Club	1-2-3-4
Dramatics	3-4

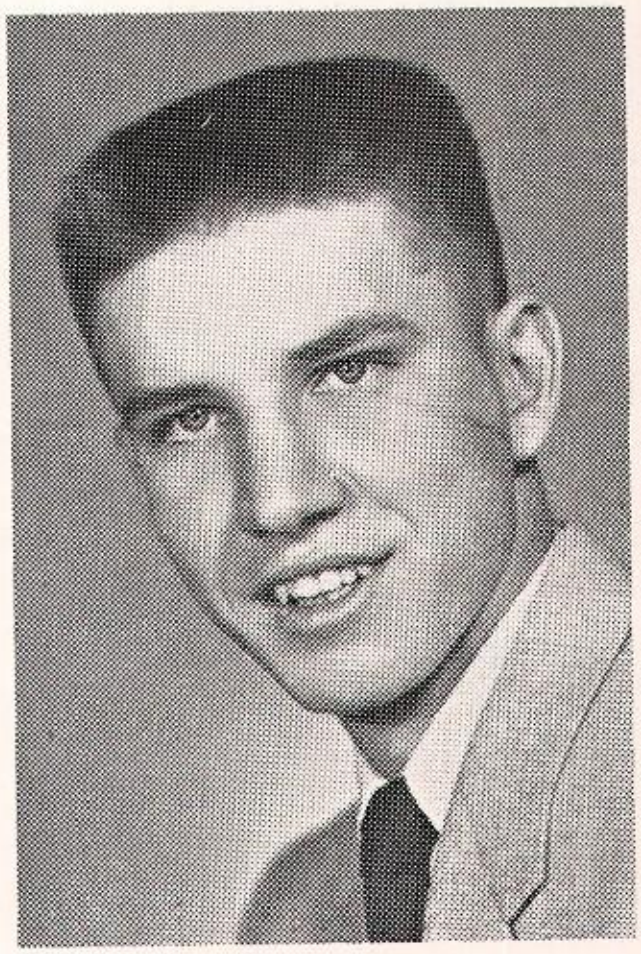
LUVERNE BIRR

Band	1-2
Mixed Chorus	1-2-3-4
Basketball	1-2-3-4
Student Council	3
Track	3-4
Dramatics	3-4
Boys Chorus	1-2-3



LORNA HARMS

Band	1-2-3-4
Mixed Chorus	1-2-3-4
Glee Club	1-2-3-4
Octette	3-4
Sextette	3-4
Dramatics	3-4
Student Council	4



ROYCE HILLER

Boys Chorus	2
Basketball	1-2-3-4
Dramatics	4
Mixed Chorus	2-3-4
Student Council	2

CLASS WILL

WE, THE CLASS OF 1955, of Good Thunder High School, being about to graduate and being also sound in mind, do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament; therefore witness that

I, WAYNE GOUTERMONT, do hereby will my saxophone to Mr. Thiede to enable him to call the assembly to order; my red parka to Harry Petrowske and my liking for Westerns to Mrs. Ling.

I, JACK KIENITZ, do hereby will my athletic ability to Dick Brunz, my musical ability to Kenneth Megaw, my eagerness to debate to Mr. Medalen, and my loudness to Elaine Bunde.

I, HELEN CARLSON, do hereby will my cornet to Dick Brunz, my height to Betty Jordahl and my ring to Neva Doss.

I, NORITA HILLER, do hereby will my trumpet to Kenneth Megaw, my shorthand ability to Neva Doss and my study periods to Marilyn Carter.

I, ROYCE HILLER, do hereby will my black Chevrolet to Kenneth Megaw and my fast driving ability to Neva Doss.

I, LARRY BARTSCH, do hereby will my Chevrolet to Mr. Thiede, my saxophone to Elaine Bunde and my ability to get along with Mr. Brandrup to Dick Brunz.

I, CAROL ANN BESCHNETT, do hereby will my short hair to Elaine Bunde and my ability to cut it to Dick Brunz; my soprano voice to Kenneth Megaw.

I, JANICE PRANGE, do hereby will my talkativeness to Elaine Bunde, my glasses to Marilyn Carter, and my clarinet to Janice Carlson.

I, LORNA HARMS, do hereby will my height to Marilyn Carter, my ability to get so far ahead in shorthand to Betty Jordahl and my glasses to Kenneth Megaw.

I, LAUREL SONNABEND, do hereby will my clarinet to Kenneth Megaw, my ability to jump high to Neva Doss and my height to Marilyn Carter.

I, DONALD MEGAW, do hereby will my black Kaiser to Mr. Thiede, my height to Ronald Lachmiller, my ability to keep my fenders undented to Steve Crane and my scholastic ability to Marilyn Carter.

I, RITA HAWKER, do hereby will my short, black hair to Mr. Medalen, my editorial position to Kenneth Megaw and my ability to blush to Betty Jordahl.

I, MARY MORELL, do hereby will my bookkeeping workbook to Janice Carlson, my ink eradicator to Mr. Brandrup and my ability to get so far ahead in shorthand to Janice Carlson.

CLASS WILL

I, ANNE GNADKE, do hereby will my ability to surprise my classmates with my summer achievements at the beginning of my senior year to Betty Jordahl, my exceedingly loud voice to Kenneth Megaw, and my dark, heavy hair to Mr. Brandrup.

I, JOHN VAUGHN, do hereby will my bookkeeping ability and musical accomplishments to Mr. Brandrup; my ability to make it up stairs and into my seat before the tardy bell stops ringing to Harry Petrowske and my athletic ability to Ronald Scheider.

I, LUVERNE BIRR, do hereby will my big feet to Marilyn Carter, my tassel hat to Janice Carlson and my letter sweater to Elaine Bunde.

I, CAROL ANN DeWITZ, do hereby will my shortness to Dick Brunz, my drum sticks to Marilyn Carter and my gum chewing to Mr. Thiede.

WE, JACK KIENITZ and LARRY BARTSCH, do hereby will our ability to keep out of the assembly to the junior boys.

WE, CAROL DeWITZ and JANIS PRANGE, do hereby will our ability to be always in the wrong places at the wrong times to Mr. Thiede and Mr. Brandrup.

WE, LORNA HARMS and MARY MORELL do hereby will our ability to get the same answers in bookkeeping to Elaine Bunde and Dick Brunz.

WE, CAROL DeWITZ and JANICE PRANGE do hereby will our kinship and ability to get into trouble to Betty Lou Jordahl and Kenneth Megaw.

WE, CAROL BESCHNETT, RITA HAWKER and CAROL DeWITZ do hereby will our drum playing positions in the band to Mr. Medalen, Mrs. Ling and Mrs. Lang.

WE, THE SENIOR GIRLS, do hereby will our tired faces on Monday mornings to the sophomores.

WE, THE SENIOR CLASS, do hereby will our ink eradicator to the juniors.

WE, THE SENIORS, do hereby will our rights and privileges to the juniors.

WE, THE SENIORS, do hereby will our membership in the band to the freshmen.

WE, THE SENIOR CLASS, do hereby will our outstanding record to the freshmen.

WE, THE SENIOR CLASS, do hereby will our ability to get along with teachers to the freshmen.

WE, THE SENIOR CLASS, do hereby will our ability not to argue with each other to the sophomores.

The JUNIOR CLASS

Left to Right, Front Row: Dick Brunz, Betty Jordahl, Elaine Bunde. Back Row: Mrs. Lang, Kenneth Megaw, Marilyn Carter, Janice Carlson, Neva Doss.

Senior Social Activities

One important event that happened during our senior year was our trip through the State Capitol, which we took on February 15th. We found the interior very beautiful, especially the chandelier in the dome, which was made of blue Austrian beads strung on German wire. It was seven feet tall and six feet wide, and large enough to hold more than one man.

The staircases were made of pure marble, and the pillars, also made of marble, weighed between six and eight tons each. Another interesting thing we learned was that some of the materials in the building came from Mankato.

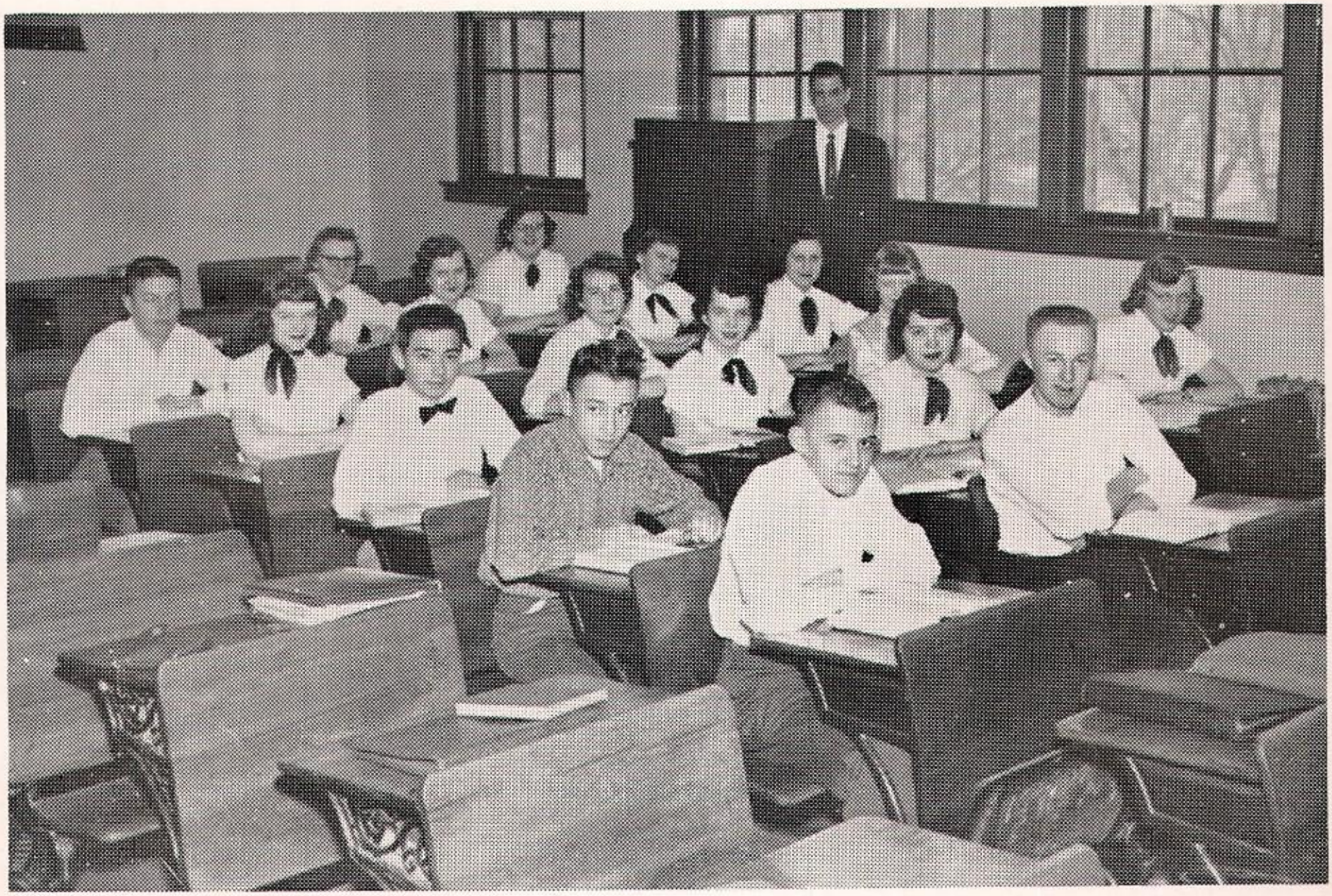
We visited the state legislature and the Supreme Court, the offices of the governor and the Historical building. Our senator, Val Imm and, our two representatives, Arthur Ogle and Roy Schulz welcomed us.

Our trip to the State Hospital in St. Peter was also interesting. There we learned about patients and the many types of treatment used to help them get well.

One of the most enjoyable events was the junior-senior banquet on May 5th. The juniors treated us to a very delicious dinner at the Burton hotel and afterwards we all enjoyed the movie, The Long Gray Line, which was about West Point.

Last, but not least, we seniors planned our two-day trip to the cities, which we took on May 12 and 13. There we visited many of the large factories and also Radio City. The 12th was Carol Beschnett's birthday and the 13th was Mary Morell's, so we all had a very enjoyable time.

We seniors enjoyed every minute of our four years of high school together and it will always be remembered by everyone in our class. We all hope the under-classmen have as enjoyable a time as we did.



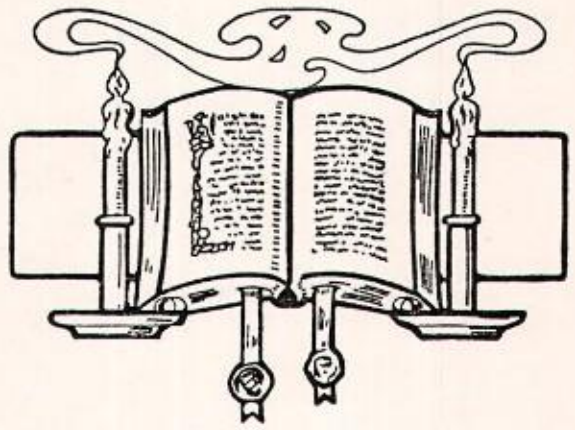
The SOPHOMORE CLASS

Standing, John Thiede.

Back Row, Left to Right: Betty Petrowske, Sharon Carter, Ardis Sternitzke, Corrine Hiller, Evelyn Zuehlke.

Middle Row: Diann Doering, Arlys Hiller, Darlene Panos, Kathleen Caven, Dawn Armstrong, Marley Kaul.

Front Row: Steven Crane, RoseMary Kienitz, Joe Jandt, Ronald Scheider, Wayne Hiller.



CLASS HISTORY

IN SEPTEMBER, 1951 twenty green freshmen began their first exciting year of high school. Of these, ten were boys and ten were girls.

Things got off to a good start with initiation. The girls will remember the upside-down skirts we had to wear along with the backward shirts and hip boots. It took forever to get on the bus that morning, because the steps were a little too high for the upside-down skirts. The boys were dressed in gunny sack dresses and wore high heeled shoes. After arriving we had to kneel at the feet of each sophomore, saying a poem in praise, that went something like this: "Roses are red, violets are blue, sophomores are nice and we like you, too." About a month later, at our return party, we gave the sophomores a few things to do as a means for revenge.

THE FRESHMAN YEAR went fast and soon we were sophomores. We lost one member, John Deling, so we were then a class of nineteen. It was now our turn to initiate the new freshmen. I'm sure most of us were rather proud to lose the name of "little green freshmen".

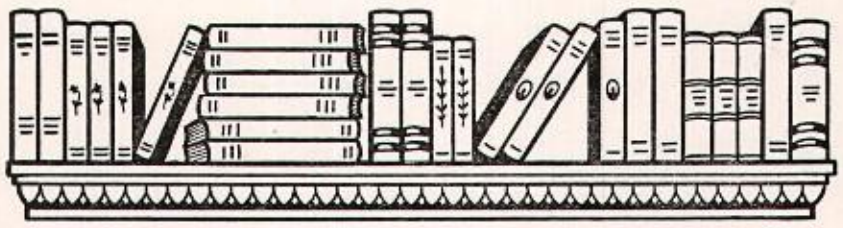
CLASS HISTORY

In what seemed only a short while we were JUNIORS. During our junior year we lost two more members of our class, Marion Shonyo and Charles Wood. That fall we had to select a play to present. Naturally, there were disagreements, but we came up with the final decision to present "You Can't Kiss Caroline". Then came rehearsals and soon the big evenings arrived. Even though we were new at such things and a little afraid, everything went off fine. That year we also had to plan for the junior-senior banquet. We entertained the seniors, along with the members of the faculty, their husbands and wives, at the Ice Follies. We had our banquet at the Hasty Tasty in Minneapolis.

In our SENIOR year we have been busy planning for graduation. We have selected our motto, class flower and our class colors. We also chose the play, "Father Knows Best".

As seniors, we shall reach the goal for which we have been striving, our diplomas. There are many things we shall miss; such as the Christmas programs, spring concerts, and music festivals. Most of all we shall miss the wonderful friends we have made in the past four years, not only our fellow schoolmates, but the teachers who have given us guidance and help. Mr. Medalen, our superintendent, has especially helped us. He is our class advisor and has been our guide in planning the many activities of our senior year.

We will soon be leaving, but the memory of our high school days will never be forgotten.



The FRESHMAN CLASS

Back Row, Left to Right: Gary Carlson, Alvin Birr, Joseph Vaughan, Ronald Lachmiller, Kenneth Tischer, Mrs. David Ling.

Middle Row: Loretta Vierboom, Karen Speck, DuAnn Dalluge.

Front Row: Janice Kaul, Barbara Beise, David Storrs, Harry Petrowske.

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

You Can't Kiss Caroline

From the story by Maureen Daly

NOVEMBER 5-6, 1953 at 8:00 P. M.

Good Thunder High School Auditorium

Direction: Mrs. David Ling

C A S T

Ma. Rand	Lorna Harms
Susie	Carol Ann DeWitz
Milt	Wayne Goutermont
Johnnie	Donald Megaw
Willie	Charles Wood
Stanley	Jack Kienitz
Howie	John Vaughn
Joe	Larry Bartsch
Bunny	Carol Ann Beschnett
Pat	Rita Hawker
Jeannette	Norita Hiller
Sally	Mary Kay Morell
Caroline	Janice Prange
Miss Jameson	Anne Gnadke

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

Place: Rand's Drug Store, known to the smooth set from East High School as "The Club".

Time: The present. November.

Act One: About 3:30 in the afternoon.

Act Two: A week later. Early in the evening.

Act Three: The following afternoon, around 3:30.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Properties: Luverne Birr, Laurel Sonnabend, Royce Hiller.

Makeup: Mrs. Luverne Wingen.

Publicity: Rita Hawker.

Music: Good Thunder School Band under the direction of Mr. Holly Brandrup.

Publishers: The Dramatic Publishing Co., Chicago.

Acknowledgements: Mr. Hensel, Mr. Gnadke, Mr. Koschnick The American Legion and others.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY

FATHER KNOWS BEST

From the Radio Program of the Same Name
by Edward James

APRIL 22, 1955 at 8:00 P. M.

Good Thunder High School Auditorium

Direction: Mrs. David Ling

C A S T

Jim Anderson - - - - - - - - Larry Bartsch
Margaret Anderson - - - - - - Janice Prange
Betty - - - - - - - - - - - - Norita Hiller
Kathy - - - - - - - - - - Carol Ann DeWitz
Bud - - - - - - - - - - - - John Vaughn
Janie - - - - - - - - - - - - Rita Hawker
Ramona - - - - - - - - Carol Ann Beschnett
Patty - - - - - - - - - - - Helen Carlson
Repair Man - - - - - - - - - Luverne Birr
Ralph - - - - - - - - Laurel Sonnabend
Mr. Brinkworth - - - - - - Donald Megaw
Officer Johnson - - - - - Wayne Goutermont
Bud's Friend - - - - - - - Royce Hiller
Mrs. Wembley - - - - - - - Anne Gnadke
Mrs. Jones - - - - - - - - Lorna Harms
Mrs. Woolsey - - - - - - - - Mary Morell
Perkins - - - - - - - - - - Neva Doss

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

Place: The combination living room and dining room in the Anderson home.
Time: The present. Spring.
Act One: Afternoon, around 4:00 P. M.
Act Two: Scene One: After dinner, the same day.
Scene Two: An hour later.
Act Three: Very early the next morning.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Student Directors: Carol Ann DeWitz, Rita Hawker.
Makeup: Mrs. Luverne Wingen.
Publicity: Carol Beschnett, Janice Prange, Anne Gnadke.
Tickets: Carol Ann DeWitz: Helen Carlson.
Stage: Royce Hiller, Laurel Sonnabend, Luverne Birr, Mr. Hensel.
Furniture: Luverne Birr, Donald Megaw, Lorna Harms, Norita Hiller.
Music: Wayne Goutermont, Rita Hawker, Mary Morell, Mr. Brandrup.
Programs: Jack Kienitz.
Advisor: Mr. Medalen.
Acknowledgements: All those who so kindly loaned properties for our use in producing this play.

The CHORUS

Of the extra curricular activities, the chorus has the largest membership. There were 55 enrolled in the chorus the past year. Smaller groups taken from the chorus were: the girls' glee club, the octet, and the sextet. The highlights for the group were at the Christmas program, the music festivals at Mankato and Minnesota Lake and the spring concert.

The BAND

Another of the large extra curricular activities groups is the band, composed of 37 members. There are also a number of smaller groups taken from the band. The high spots for the band were at Christmas and the Spring Concert. Mr. Holly Brandrup has again guided the chorus and band through this past year; which now makes his fifth year of directing at Good Thunder. We all salute Mr. Brandrup for the fine job he has done this past year.

SPEECH

SEVERAL STUDENTS tried out for Speech this year. We had contestants in manuscript reading and a topic discussion on How Can We Solve Our Traffic Problems?

The students who participated were: Dawn Armstrong, Carol DeWitz, Corrine Hiller, Kathleen Caven, RoseMary Kienitz, Jack Kienitz and Larry Bartsch.

RoseMary Kienitz, Jack Kienitz and Larry Bartsch were chosen to represent our school in the sub-district contest at Minnesota Lake on February 21st. RoseMary and Larry each received an excellent rating and Jack received a superior rating. This superior rating qualified him for the district meet. At Madelia Jack and his co-winner, Jack Mason of Mankato again received superior ratings which qualified them to represent the district at the regional speech festival.

The BASKETBALL TEAM

Name & Position	FG	FT	PF	Ave	Total
Marlin Kaul, G	82	51	47	12.83	218
Royce Hiller, C	65	45	50	10.80	175
Luverne Birr, F	62	36	58	9.41	160
Dick Brunz, G	33	41	39	9.00	107
Laurel Sonnabend, F	37	14	40	5.06	86
Don Megaw, C				1.50	24
Alvin Birr, G				1.37	22
John Vaughan, G				1.06	18
Larry Bartsch, G				0.90	15
Joe Vaughn, F				0.50	4
Kenneth Megaw, F				0.00	0

ATHLETIC EVENTS

The following is the report of games played and the result:

Date	Where Played	Opponent	We	They
11-30-54	there	Mapleton	35	55
12- 3-54	here	Pemberton	43	48
12- 7-54	there	Amboy	51	66
12-10-54	there	Minnesota Lake	55	61
12-14-54	here	St. Clair	43	69
1- 7-55	there	Hanska	31	51
1-11-55	here	Rapidan	52	37
1-14-55	there	Garden City	39	86
1-21-55	here	Amboy	73	28
1-28-55	there	Waldorf	43	60
2- 1-55	here	Mapleton	68	56
2- 4-55	there	Lake Crystal	49	45
2- 8-55	there	Rapidan	50	49
2-11-55	here	Nicollet	49	71
2-22-55	there	Mankato	48	49

"B" TOURNAMENT

2-28-55	Mankato H. S.	Hanska	65	55
3- 1-55	Mankato H. S.	Garden City	33	77

BASEBELL SCHEDULE FOR 1955

Date	Who Played	Where
April 26	Minnesota Lake	Here
May 3	Pemberton	Here
May 10	Waldorf	There
May 17	Mapleton	Here
May 20	St. Clair	There

CHEER LEADERS

Left to Right: RoseMary Kienitz, Janice Prange, Diann Doering, Neva Doss, Dawn Armstrong, Barbara Beise

news about SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWS

The school notes, published weekly in the Good Thunder Herald had their face lifted this year. The news staff, under the direction of Mrs. Ling, changed the style and makeup of the high school and grade news.

Each class elected one or more reporters. This group gathered news throughout high school and the grades.

Rather than presenting the news by classes, as has been done in previous years, the reporters are given assignments and bring in their news stories to be edited by the editorial staff each Monday This eliminated over-lapping and repitition.

Reorganizing our news in this way has given us a better news coverage of school events.

This plan also gives reporters actual experience in the writing of news stories and articles. It tends to give variety in coverage and do away with the repitition from week to week of school departments in some papers.

Some features, however, that proved of interest in the past years such as Chatterbox, Mystery Character and Senior Biography, were retained.

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